



## SCOWDRICK & MOORE, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

### DRY GOODS AND GROCERY DEALERS,

RESPECTFULLY announce to their friends and the public generally, that they have just received and are constantly receiving direct from the Importers and Jobbers a large and splendid stock of Spring and Summer Goods of the latest Styles and Patterns, consisting in part of

**Fine French Cloths,**  
**French and Doeklin Cassimers,**  
**Ladies' Fine Cloaking Cloths.**

**DRESS GOODS,**  
OF EVERY VARIETY SUCH AS  
**MOHAIR'S, POPLINS, ALPACAS &c.**  
OF ALL COLORS.

**BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED MUSLINS**  
of the best standard make.

**A LARGE STOCK OF  
WHITE GOODS AND TRIMMINGS,**  
Hosiery, Gloves, Notions, &c.

**HATS AND CAPS.**  
Groceries, Hardware, Queensware &c.

In fact everything usually kept in a first class Country Store, and at the very lowest prices the market can afford.

We have also bought of Mr. D. McKee, his entire stock of

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**

OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE,

which in connection with our General Stock will be offered at greatly reduced prices.

Thankful for your heretofore bounteous patronage, we hope by strict attention to business to share a continuance of the same.

On account of the Credit System being so thoroughly reduced among the Wholesale Dealers and Jobbers, our Terms will be hereafter 6 months credit, or 5 per cent off for cash.

SCOWDRICK & MOORE,  
Middletown, Del.

May 2-y

**BARGAINS, BARGAINS,**

Cash Buyers Look to your Interest.

**S. R. STEPHENS & Co.**

HAVING opened their New Cash Store, in Middletown, Del. are now prepared to offer to the Public a large and well selected Stock of

**DRY GOODS,**

**GROCERIES, &c.**

They offer a large lot of CARPETS,

VERY LOW FROM AUCTION.

A FINE STOCK OF

**BOOTS AND SHOES,**

Cloths, Cassimers, and

Ready Made Clothing.

**HATS AND CAPS,**

Dress Goods, Notions,

**HARDWARE, &c.**

**Canned Fruits, Pickles, Sauces,**

and all kinds of Goods usually kept in a country store.

Having purchased our entire stock for cash, we are prepared to sell at city prices for cash or country produce.

Buyers would do well to give us a call.

**SAML. R. STEPHENS & Co.**

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

July 4-ly.

**W. M. KENNARD,**

OF THE WELL KNOWN

**DRY GOODS AND CARPET HOUSE,**

305 Market Street, Wilmington,

offers to the buying public one of the most desirable assortment of

**GOODS**

ever displayed by this old established house.

Buying for CASH, selling on the same terms,

**Purchasing from first Hands,**

AS WELL AS

Importing some Styles of Goods,

all combined, gives him many advantages not usual with retail stores.

**A LARGE STOCK,**

**PLENTY OF LIGHT,**

**No Misrepresentation of Goods,**

**AND LOW PRICES**

are SOME of the inducements held forth to buyers.

January 4, 1868—Gm

**Wesleyan Female College,**

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

THIS institution offers superior advantages for the thorough and complete education of young ladies.

The next annual session will begin on September 10th, 1868. For information or catalogues, address

Rev. JOHN WILSON, A. M. Pres't.

August 1—lm.

## LEWIS' PURE WHITE LEAD, IN 12, 25, 50 AND 100 LB. KEGS.

### Black Paint, Prussian Blue, CHROME GREEN AND YELLOW.

**Burnt and Raw Umber,  
BURNT AND RAW SIENNA.**

**Indian Red, Red Lead,  
VEN. RED, SPANISH BROWN,  
Yellow Ochre, Ohio Brown.**

**Dry and in Oil**

**IN 1 lb. TO 25 lb. CANS.**  
Putty, Linseed Oil, Turpentine,  
JAPAN DRYING, COPAL VARNISH,  
Glue, Gum Shellac,

**LAMP BLACK, WINDOW GLASS,**  
besides a full assortment of

**Paint Brushes and Sash Tools,**  
FOR SALE BY  
**J. A. REYNOLDS & SONS.**

May 16, 1868—3m

## BOWER'S COMPLETE MANURE.

MANUFACTURED BY  
**HENRY BOWER, CHEMIST,**  
PHILADELPHIA.

MADE FROM

**Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash.**

WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.

THIS Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in bags of 200 pounds each.

**DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.**

30 South Water and 40 South Delaware Avenue,  
PHILADELPHIA.

Also by **JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,**  
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

And by dealers generally throughout the country.

July 18, '68.

## HARNESS MAKING.

THE undersigned having commenced Harness making at

**ODESSA, DEL.**

Is prepared to furnish every article in his line on the most reasonable terms.

His experience in city and country justifies his promise that

**ALL HIS WORK WILL BE OF THE**

**BEST QUALITY.**

And gives him confidence to solicit a share of the public patronage.

225 His Shop is on Main street, in the house formerly occupied by Joseph Tawney.

**WM. T. GALLAHER,**

April 25—4f.

## NOTICE.

AN installment, of one dollar per Share upon the Capital Stock of the Middletown Hall Company will be due, and payable to John E. Hall, Esq. on Thursday, Sept. 24th, 1868. As the work is now rapidly progressing, prompt payments will be required to meet coming liabilities.

By order of the Board,  
**WM. H. BAIR,**  
Secretary.

August 22—1w

## NOTICE.

MY wife, Fanny Snodell, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, this is to warn all persons from trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting.

**JOHN SNODELL,**

Aug 15—3w.

**Cedar Shingles, Siding, and Rails,**

FOR Sale.—Cedar Shingles, Siding and Rails, of prime quality, for sale, near Taylor's bridge, Appoquinimink Hundred, New Castle county, Del.

Apply to  
**Aug. 1-3m.**

**ROBERT JOHNSON.**

## Our Olio.

Scratches in horses, it is asserted, can be cured by applying every morning a mixture composed of one drachm of sulphate of zinc and two ounces of glycerine.

Said a member of a church to another, "I can give five dollars for this object and not feel it." "Then," said his companion, "give ten and feel it."

It is exceedingly bad husbandry to harrow up the feelings of your wife, to rake up old quarrels, to bore a grudge, and to sow discord.

A wag suggests that a suitable liturgical response for many city choirs would be, "O Lord! have mercy on us, miserable sinners."

A negro, after gazing at the Chinese, exclaimed, "If de white folks is dark as dat out dare, I wonder what's de color ob de niggers?"

A writer may be said to be more free than a king, inasmuch as he can "choose his own subjects."

The world's opinion—A man may be a person with a small income who lives within it.

As a cross word begets a word that is cross, so will a kind one beget its own likeness.

Fashionable dresses are short—so are fashionable husbands who pay for them.

## Select Poetry.

### FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

BY JOHN G. SAGE.

It is all very well for the poets to tell,  
By way of their songs adorning,  
Of milkmaids who rouse to manipulate cows  
At five o'clock in the morning;  
And of moony young mowers who bundle out  
doors—

The charms of their straw-beds scorching—  
Before break of day, to make love and lay,  
At five o'clock in the morning.

But, between me and you, it is all untrue—  
Believe not a word they utter;  
To no milkmaid advances the figure of five  
Bring beans—or even good butter.

The poor sleepy cows, if told to arise,  
If, in spite of my friendly warning,  
But the sweet country girls, would they show  
their curls—

At five o'clock in the morning?

It may not be wrong for the man in the song—  
Of the moony—fanciful to settle,  
To kneel in wet grass, and pop, but, alas!  
What if the poppet down on a nettle!

For how could he see what was under his knee,  
If, in spite of my friendly warning,  
He went out of bed, his house and his head,  
At five o'clock in the morning?

It is all very well for the poets to tell,  
But if I were a maid all-morning long,  
And a lover should drop in the clover to pop  
At five o'clock in the morning,

If I liked him, you see, I'd say "Please call at  
dinner."

"No! I'd turn on him with scolding;  
If don't come here, you fat, with countenance  
like that,  
At five o'clock in the morning!"

## Political Affairs.

Reported for the Middletown Transcript.

### COMPLIMENT TO MAJ. BIGGS.

Congratulatory Meeting—Serenade—Felicity Greetings—Generous Hospitality—Speeches, &c.

A large number of the friends and neighbors of Major Biggs, from Middletown and Odessa, called upon him at his residence, on Friday evening, 23rd ult. to tender their congratulations upon his nomination for Congress. The party were very cordially received and hospitably entertained by the Major. They were accompanied by the Amphion Band, of Middletown, which enhanced the occasion by playing a number of their popular airs. After an hour spent in social converse, refreshments were announced, and the party assembled around the hospitable board, to which full justice was done. H. A. Nowland, Esq., then stepped forward, and in behalf of the visitors, addressed Major Biggs in the following congratulatory speech.

**REMARKS OF H. A. NOWLAND, ESQ.**

MAJ. BIGGS:—We your political and personal friends, make this call to tender you our sincere congratulations upon your nomination as Representative to the Congress of the United States. No greater pleasure ever devolved upon me individually, or this body collectively, than the tendering of our congratulations. We feel that our representatives in convention on Wednesday last, did their work faithfully and well, and without disparagement to any gentleman whose name was before that convention—that in your selection they have but responded to the demands of the democratic masses.

Whatever differences may have existed as to the claims of any of those gentlemen all bow in acknowledgment to their wisdom in the selection of a candidate. Although I have been a resident of your State but a few short years, you have not been unknown to me. This, sir, calls to mind the first speech I had the pleasure of hearing you deliver. It was immediately after the dissolution of the old Whig party, of which party you had been an honored member. It was at a time when the political heavens seemed bright, save a small cloud on the North East horizon, then no larger than a man's hand. The dangerous tendencies of this organization you clearly foresaw, and forgetting the prejudices engendered by party strife, you allied yourself to the constitutional democracy. In that speech you clearly foreshadowed the inevitable results flowing from what was then known as the Know Nothing party. In the good work you have never faltered; where the work was warms, the fight hottest, you there stood in the front ranks of your party. A faithful servant should be remembered for his services. By your record—by our love for the constitution, liberty and law, we will make you the representative upon the floor of Congress, of the Diamond State of the Federal Union.

You will be called upon to assist in the great work of sustaining a democratic administration.—In bringing back the government in sight of the land marks of our fathers.—To assist in restoring to their proper and legitimate relations what once constituted great States of the Union, that are now clothed in the habiliments of mourning.—To give stability to our credit—provide means to liquidate our national indebtedness by other means than from the hard earnings and scanty resources of the laboring and industrial classes. Never, never in our history were the issues greater, and the consequences flowing from a decision in favor of the Radical party must disastrously affect the character of the government for all future time. From our intercourse with you, we know you are alive to their importance—that from the banks of the Brandywine to the ex-

treme southern limits of the State, your voice will be heard appealing—for Seymour and Blair—the Constitution of the United States—the rights of the States under the Constitution—the liberty of the citizen, restrained only by law.

The response of the popular heart will be no strange sound. The people of Delaware—like the citizens of Rome when Cincinnatus was taken from his plough to give peace to the Empire—will take you from your agricultural pursuits and make you the representative of a constituency as noble as that of any portion of the Union, and of a State the pages of whose statute-books have never borne marks of a violated constitution.

Mr. Nowland was frequently interrupted by applause, and when he closed his remarks he was followed by Charles Beaman Jr. Esq. who spoke as follows:

**REMARKS OF CHAR. BEAMAN, JR. ESQ.**

It is, gentlemen, I assure you, with feelings of no ordinary satisfaction that I am permitted to participate in your congratulatory visit this evening.

The plaudits of strangers, be they never so spontaneous, and honors at their hands, be they never so overwhelming or so enticing, there is nothing dearer to the heart of man than the good-will of his fellows, the approval of his friends.

There is an old and familiar maxim, forcible in its application, suggestive in its bearing: "Order is Heaven's first law." And while it lies not within my province to welcome you here to night, I may be permitted to say, that if our visit be not ordained of Heaven, it is at least in accordance with its law, fitting and proper, eminently in order.

Here then, under my own vine and fig-tree, upon the soil which has nourished me, I am happy, thrice happy, to be counted among his friends and join my own with the voices of those of his immediate neighborhood, who are come to congratulate the Standard Bearer of the Delaware Democracy in the ensuing campaign.

As personal friends, sir, we have come, glad in our hearts that you were the honored nominee of our Convention; as residents of this vicinity, we have come, proud that, from our own neighborhood, you have been chosen a leader; as citizens of New Castle Co. we have come confident that in the exhaustive energy of that leader our county is to be redeemed; and as Delawareans we have come, yielding to none the palm, the first to do honor to the prospective Representative of Delaware in the next Congress.

And especially, and above all, we come as freemen, as patriots, as Democrats, to strengthen your hands and bid you cheer in the work in which you are about to engage.

The action of the Democratic Convention at Dover has vouchsafed to you a rare privilege, and feeling that the duties, the responsibilities and the pleasures of the high trust reposed, are appreciated, we are happy to congratulate you upon the honorable position attained, and the bright and beautiful field which is spread out before you.

Mr. Beaman concluded his remarks in the midst of applause, when Major Biggs responded to both gentlemen, thanking the representatives of the party for the honor they had conferred upon him at Dover, and returning thanks to the gentlemen present for the pleasure they had afforded him by their visit. Maj. Biggs' remarks were received with enthusiastic applause.

**REMARKS OF EDWARD REYNOLDS, ESQ.**

Edward Reynolds, Esq., was then called on, and responded as follows:

I should scarcely have thought that after the able and eloquent address just delivered I should have been called upon to add thereto, lest my attempt at an addition should prove a subtraction. If I should initiate the great man candidate of Radicalism, it would not be a matter of much difficulty to respond to your call, for all I would have to do would be to say:—"Gentlemen I thank you," and my task would be done. But I shall go a little further than this, for I cannot refrain from congratulating you, gentlemen of Delaware, upon the great success attained at the recent State Convention in the nomination for our representative in Congress, of one of such acknowledged ability, and who is in every respect so eminently qualified to perform the duties of the position with credit to himself and his constituents, as our honored friend whose liberal hospitality we enjoy this evening.

Delaware is emphatically an agricultural State. Our people are, in the mass, farmers. Where, then, let me ask, had we searched through the length and breadth of the State, could we have found one better acquainted with, or more able to represent your interests, than one of your own calling. Himself a farmer, he knows the wants of the farmers of his State, and knows, too, what will most conduce to their interest; and being a most thorough, enterprising, energetic man of business, every class of our population may feel that their interests are safe in his hands.

We have so long been filling our public offices with members of the legal profession alone, that it were utterly useless for any other to aspire to positions of public trust, and it was high time for Democratic Delaware to show to her ambitious and enterprising sons that the road to honor is open to the deserving of every class—whether they be farmers, mechanics, laborers, or of whatever profession or calling they may be; and upon you, sir, our honored candidate, will devolve the responsibility of proving that a Delaware farmer is as well able to represent his State in the National Congress, as those learned in the law. And we have chosen you as our standard-bearer because we believe you every way worthy of the trust, and we intend, at the election in next November, to send you with the most overwhelming majority ever given in our State for any candidate to represent us in the hall which has echoed to the thrilling eloquence of Clay, Calhoun and Webster, with the full confidence that our hopes in you will not be disappointed.

Permit me, too, gentlemen, to congratulate you upon the bright prospects opening to our unhappy country at the present time. Eight years ago, through an unhappy division in the Democratic party, the country was afflicted with the terrible curse of a Radical triumph. Then began the troubles of America. Woe after woe has fallen upon us, and now after almost eight years of Republican misrule, we stand to day in the most lamentable and pitiable plight that ever disgraced a people professing to be free. With almost one entire half of the country subjected to negro rule—and thereby sunk in almost semi-barbarism—and the whole groaning under the burden of a debt of thousands of millions, and ground into the very dust by a taxation which saps the life-blood and destroys the energy of the laboring man, we blush with shame to call ourselves citizens of free America—but, thank God! the prospect brightens. Already has light begun to dawn upon us. Thousands, and tens of thousands, aye hundreds of thousands, of those who have hitherto been supporters of the Republican party, are daily falling away from it, and flocking to the standard of Democracy. And we have every reason to believe, and do believe, that at the next Presidential election such a majority will be rolled up for Seymour and Blair, as will cause Radicalism to hide its face with shame and confusion, and to call upon the mountains and hills to fall on them and hide them from the just anger of an indignant and outraged people, who though long-suffering and patient, shall have at last arisen like a mighty "giant in his wrath" to punish them for their many crimes and misdeeds.

## The Poetry of Slang.

We are often shown instances of one word running through different languages in a slightly modified form, as for instance from the good old town of Ghent, the French get "gents" and we "gauntlets;" from a settlement of cloth-workers at Tonques, in Normandy, the Germans get their "tuch," a cloth, and we our "duck," our "ticking," and our "tucker." So, in the humbler domain of slang, a London thief speaks of a fly as a "policeman," a curiously vivid image of the annoyance continually buzzing round his years. The French rasail uses the reverse of the medal, and calls a sergeant-d'eville a "mouché," from whence comes the regular word *mouchard*, a spy. These same London roughs rather degrade the moon when they call her the "parish lantern," but how they refine and exorcise their intoxicated friend when they say he has "got the sun in his eyes," or "he can't see a hole in a ladder!" Sometimes these slang phrases contain the most curious felicities of expression, akin to the graphic touches of our best poets and humorists. For instance, what a satire in the favorite slang for large feet, "beetle-crushers!" Imagine the English turf, closely shaven and thick-set with pig-tipped, short-stemmed daisies, nodding almost flat to the ground, and then realize the force of the word when they say of a slow-stepping horse that he is a "daisy-cutter." But what are all these examples, picked up in glancing through a slang dictionary, to those which our enthusiastic French friend quotes as a "magical" or "magical," a "spoon," strange as it may seem, has no connection with the verb "to spoon," a verb that we have no doubt our readers all understand, and which they have probably conjugated in at least some of its tenses. That the ladies who may peruse these pages would unanimously decline the substantive "spoon" we make no doubt, particularly when they fully appreciate the fact that "spoon" means a stupid fellow, a "simpleton," and is synonymous with "muff." But why should the very unsuggestive words "muff" and "spoon" be selected from the whole dictionary as emblematic of dullness? *Voilà une autre raison*, and a dainty one it is. A simpleton is called a "spoon" and a "muff" because a spoon touches a lady's lips without kissing them, and a muff holds her hand without pressing it! Could our daintiest of song writers, our courtliest of gallants, have done better? Even Herrick and Suckling would have looked with approval on such a delicious little bit of gallantry.

When we say of a shiftless fellow that he does not "earn his salt," we unconsciously allude to an ancient custom among the Romans. Among them the man was said to be in possession of a salary who had his "salarium," his allowance of salt-money, or of salt, wherewith to savor the food by which he lived. Thus *salarium* comes from *salt*—and in this view of the word how many there are who do not "earn their salt!"

An article in a London magazine dilates on the palatable quality of steaks from lions and tigers. It is not certain about lions; but it is said that those who "fight the tiger" rarely get their steaks.

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## The Traveler.

Natural Wonders of Kentucky.

The geological formation of this State is singular. Ponds with no visible inlet or outlet, are frequent. Huge holes in the ground, commonly called "sink holes," are very common, and lead to the great caves which abound in this region. Boys pick up leadstones from the ground at almost any point, and surveyors are often troubled from this cause. The "sink holes" extend into the ground from ten to three hundred feet, with, sometimes, a spring or small stream at the bottom. Two of these, near Mumfordsville, excites a great deal of curiosity. One, on an eminence, called the "Frenchman's Knob," has been descended 275 feet, without discovering any indications of a bottom. Another, near the town, is some 25 feet in diameter at the top, and inclines, like a funnel, to the depth of thirty feet; at this point is an aperture, twelve feet in diameter, leading to unknown depths



# The Middletown Transcript.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1898.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
**HORATIO SEYMOUR.**  
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
**GEN. FRANCOIS P. BLAIR,**  
OF MISSOURI.

FOR DEMOCRATIC ELECTORS.  
**ANDREW C. GRAY,** of New Castle.  
**JAMES P. WILD,** of Kent.  
**WILLIAM A. SCRIBNER,** of Sussex.

FOR CONGRESS.  
**Maj. BENJAMIN T. BIGGS.**

FOR SHERIFF,  
**JACOB RICHARDSON,**

FOR CORONER,  
**LAWRENCE PENDEGRASS.**

**THE SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS.**—The Vermont election took place on the 1st inst. A Governor, Lieut. Governor, and three Congressmen were voted for. The Democrats carried the State by an increased majority. The Democrats had no expectations from that State.

California votes on the 8th. There are three Congressmen to elect. We may possibly elect them all. In 1894 the Democrats had a majority of 18,293; the Democrats had a majority last year of 9,546.

In Maine, on the 14th, a Governor, Lieut. Governor, and five Congressmen are to be chosen. The Republican majority in 1897 was 11,614. We have unmistakable evidence of a reaction in this State, and look forward to the result on the 14th with much interest. The local issues may somewhat prejudice the result in September, but we look for a large reduction in the majority.

**THE MORALS OF EASTON.**—Judging from the accounts published in the Easton, Md. papers we should arrive at the conclusion that the morals of that place, were at a very low ebb. Street fights are common, whiskey flows like water, and drunkenness prevails to an alarming extent. One of the printers—for whom all the papers there were recently suspended, that they might attend camp meeting—got drunk, the other day, got into a fight, and stabbed a man named Ewing, very severely. We fear they were not much benefited by that camp meeting. A gentleman from this county, who recently visited Easton, gave us an account of the scenes he witnessed there in the hotels, which were disgusting to contemplate. Drunkenness and blasphemy encountered him at every turn. We are sorry to hear such accounts as these from the dear old home of our youth—Easton, which used to be so moral, so polished and refined.

When did Mr. Biggs get his title of "Major"? What regiment was he in?—*Commercial.*  
The *Commercial* puts its query as though it questioned the right of Major Biggs to the aforesaid title. We have before us his commission, bearing date the 8th of January, 1847, and signed by Wm. Temple, Governor of the State of Delaware, appointing Benjamin T. Biggs, Major of the first Battalion of the Seventh Regiment of Delaware Militia, in the place of Levi G. Cooch, resigned. Is the *Commercial* answered? Is it able to perceive that Major Biggs came honestly and legitimately by his title, and is entitled to wear it?

**AUTUMN.**—Summer heats are fled, the attempted air no longer burns the fevered brow and temples, like heat of furnace. Autumn sits chief moderator between the check-parched summer and the extremes of winter's tedious, chilling frosts, garnering her luscious fruits and housing and storing her rich abundance of sustenance for man and beast.

"Thrice happy time,  
Best portion of the year, in which,  
Nature rejoiceth, smiling on her works,  
Lovely, to full perfection wrought."

**"THE FIRST GUN."**—A little radical paper, at Havre de Grace, calls Vermont the "first gun." We believe it is the first response from the Grant battery, but did he not hear the thunders of the Seymour artillery from Connecticut, from Nebraska, from Kentucky, from Montana, from Oregon and Idaho? And let him listen! California will wake the echoes along the Pacific slope, on the 8th, to be re-echoed along the Atlantic coast on the 14th, in Maine.

**TANNING.**—The Grant men, (in humble imitation of the mummery of 1840,) are forming tanner's clubs, in compliment to their leader, who at one time of life was in the tanning business. The Democrats of the country are also in the tanning trade. They will open out, in November, the largest joint stock company ever started in this country, and will tan the hides of Grant and his whole party.

The Exchange hotel at Saratoga was destroyed by fire on Monday evening.

## Response of Major Biggs.

To the Congratulatory Addresses of Messrs. Nowland and Beaman, at his residence on Friday evening, 25th ult.

Gentlemen and Friends:—This is to me, a moment of deep and thrilling interest. To receive the congratulations of true and faithful friends is sufficient to awaken in the human heart feelings of gratitude which shall last while memory lives, and not be forgotten until that heart ceases its pulsations.

The eloquent addresses to which we have just listened, are well calculated to inspire within the mind of every one a confidence which bespeaks victory in the future. The great principles of the Democratic party must triumph, and that too at our next election, or civil liberty be at an end; and on its ruins will be reared a military despotism more destructive to the rights of man than ever cursed the world in either ancient or modern times.

The usurpations and extravagances of a Radical Congress must be checked. We must hold fast to the glorious Constitution of our fathers—it must be respected in all its wise provisions. Long enough has it been abused by reckless, wicked men. Carpet-bag statesmen have conspired to pull down the pillars of the American Constitution and plunge this once happy nation again in civil war.

We want no negro suffrage. We want no negro equality. We want, and we intend to have, a government of white men, such as our fathers maintained.

I value the American Constitution as a holy trust; we must not prove recreant to its sacred teachings. Gentlemen, it is our only hope. More than three years have passed since the close of the late war, and still the Union is not restored. Ten of our sister States are crushed in every department of industry, with bayonet Constitutions forced upon an unwilling people; and some of them are even cursed with negro suffrage and negro Legislators.

Our expenditures are alarming. The appropriations by a Republican Congress are so vast, and the taxation upon the people so heavy, that even the most fortunate shoddy contractor groans for relief.

We want no Freedman's Bureau, levying a tax of more than eleven millions to support negroes in willing idleness. We must protect the laboring white man, and not permit a Republican Congress annually to impose, for this purpose, a sum equal to that required to carry on the administration of Mr. Adams.

We demand a change. The eyes of the people are opened to see its necessity; and State after State proclaims, through the ballot box, redemption from unjust legislation and unequal taxation.

Fourteen years ago I took my stand in the Democratic party. From that time until the present, at every election, I have battled for the success of Democratic principles.

When passion usurped the throne of reason—when defeat came, and my party went down—believing in her unyielding principles, my faith never wavered; and now a ray of hope begins to light up our political horizon; and as the day of our salvation draweth nigh, the Democratic party has placed in my hands the Congressional banner to carry it through the coming battle.

Sirs, I am not insensible to the fact, that with honors come responsibilities. Should I be elected, I will serve you to the best of my ability. I shall labor to promote the interests of my constituency, and endeavor to secure the enactment of such laws as, in the language of the immortal Jackson, "will fall, as the gentle dew of Heaven, alike upon the rich and poor."

And you, gentlemen musicians, who have enlivened this occasion by your discourse of sweet sounds, I thank you kindly. Nature's own poet has truly said:

"He who has no music in his soul,  
Is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils."  
Now gentlemen, without detaining you longer, should my life be spared, I hope to have an opportunity in the future to make my remarks more extended. I will but add, that your sympathy and kindly feeling, as manifested to-night, will tend greatly to encourage my heart during the coming contest.

The "Grecian Bend" has become fashionable again this summer among the belles at our principal watering places. It was all the rage among the belles thirty-five or forty years ago. Saxe, the New Hampshire wit and poet, is said to have mercilessly ridiculed it, recently, by naming it the "colic stoop," since which the ladies have grown heartily ashamed of it. They don't like to be laughed at.

**REFRESHING SHOWERS.**—After weeks of promise the clouds, on Thursday, distilled their liquid treasures upon the thirsty fields, and gladdened the hearts of the husbandmen.

Who will now their fallow turn,  
And their golden seed sow?  
That the staff of life be given to the world;  
'Twill mature the latter corn,  
And help Plenty fill her barn,  
While contentment's lovely banner is unfurled.

John T. Hoffman was nominated on Wednesday, as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York. On the same day the Democrats of Massachusetts nominated John Quincy Adams, for Governor.

Over 245 tons of peaches were shipped east from Columbus, Ohio, last week. We hope our Delaware friends will not be envious, at this announcement. Another season may bring them in luck again.

The Dorchester Democrat says:—Iron in sufficient quantity has been received to lay the Rail Road track to New Market, and we learn that a large force of men will now be put to work. We hear that the contractor is determined that he will have the cars running before Christmas.

## LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The *St. Michaels Comet*, in referring to our recent notice of Mr. E. C. Fenimore's peach orchard, and its unfeeling productiveness, says:—"We would like to know whether this is attributable to the peculiar quality of Mr. Fenimore's land, to his method of cultivation, or simply to 'luck.' If to the first, he has a genuine *El Dorado*; if to the second, he has a secret worth possessing and worth preserving; and if to the third, it is a triumphant verification of the old adage, which informs us that 'it is better to be born lucky than rich.' Mr. J. B. Fenimore, (father of E. C. Fenimore,) brought us some fine specimens of his 'Crawford's Late,' on Thursday. They are not as large this year as they were last, when fifty of them filled a basket. He informs us that his son will ship 1000 baskets this week. He attributes the prolific character of the orchard to the soil, which is a yellowish-brown earth, very light and mellow, and perfectly dry, retaining not sufficient moisture upon the surface to be thrown off in the night in the form of frost affecting the tender peach buds on frosty nights in the spring. The peach does not succeed so well on heavier soil, on the same farm and upon other farms in the same neighborhood.

**FROM ODESSA.**—Our attentive correspondent sends us the following items:—

**EXTRA MEETING.**—Rev. Mr. Phelan has been holding meetings during the week in the Methodist Church, with a view of a preparation for a more extensive work hereafter. This meeting was especially held for the benefit of the members.

**SCHOOLS.**—The schools are now in full operation, presided over by the same teachers that were in attendance during the last term.

**PEACHES.**—This delicious fruit seems to be very scarce in our midst. The sight of one lone wagon as it passes through the town on its way to market has the effect only of sharpening the appetites of the people, and refreshing their memories of by-gone days.

Enos & Child's yard is filled with drills, awaiting the accomplishment of Foster's Phosphate attachment. This attachment is universally believed to be the very thing so long needed.

**TRIAL OF THRESHING MACHINES.**—A contest between the Diamond State Thresher, manufactured by Cash & Co., and the Wheeler & Melick machine, took place on the farm of D. J. Murphy, near Newark, on Thursday of last week. The Wheeler machine, being the challenging party, opened the contest, threshing in a half hour 304 dozen of sheaves, turning out 113 bushels of wheat. The "Diamond State" then, in the next half hour, threshed 31 dozen and 4 sheaves, turning out 133 bushels. The Diamond State in the following half hour threshed 36 dozen and 3 sheaves, turning out 143 bushels. The Wheeler machine threshed 34 dozen and three sheaves, turning out 121 bushels in the following half hour. The Judges unanimously decided in favor of the Diamond State machine. The same horses were used at both machines.

The Exhibition of the Delaware State Agricultural Society will be held at Wilmington on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of the present month. The Society offers \$3,000 in premiums and the prospect is fair for a very large display of Stock, Farm Implements and a large turn out of people. The Citizens of Wilmington have raised a purse of \$500 to be awarded for the fastest trotting, the whole country being invited to compete for the prize. Several celebrated horses will be on the ground. On the whole this exhibition will be of unusual interest and cannot fail to attract exhibitors and multitudes of people from all adjacent sections and many from a distance. We learn that a gentleman in the vicinity of Middletown will enter his horse to compete for the purse of \$500.

A grand tournament is to come off at Chestertown, on the 23d of this month. There has been some talk of getting up one, here, in October. It is a very imposing and mainly recreation. We attended one in Southern Maryland, two years ago; there were twenty-four Knights in full costume, well mounted on fine blooded horses. The riding was superb, and the Knights made a very handsome and imposing appearance. The crowning of the Queen of Love and Beauty, and her Maids of Honor, was done in a most courtly manner, and presented a very interesting sight.

One hundred and fifty converts, it is said, were the fruits of the late Synara Circuit camp. The *Times* says:—"We understand that there is a movement on foot to form a union of Synara Circuit and Synara, Middletown and Odessa stations, for the purpose of purchasing a woods and holding union camps in the future."

The Elkton Odd Fellows Hall Lottery will be drawn to-night, 44 prizes amounting to \$1500. Some of our citizens in this vicinity, hold chances in the scheme, and may hold some of the lucky numbers. The drawing will take place after the magic performance of the Lubin Brothers.

**THE KENT RAIL ROAD.**—We learn that the work on this road is progressing finely. Nearly two hundred men are engaged at different points, as follows:—Seventy-five at Lynch's Corner; forty at Black's Cross Roads; fifty at Massey's Cross Roads, and twenty-five at Chestertown.

The pie-vice of the Presbyterian Sabbath School of this town, did not take place on Thursday. The day was rainy, but the pie-vicars were very willing to forego the pleasures of the pie-vice for the invaluable blessings of a good rain, which was much needed.

A colored man was arrested on Tuesday at Reybold's wharf on the Sassafras river, near Cecilton, and taken to Elkton Jail, on suspicion of being the murderer of Mr. Gilmoret in Queen Anne's county, on Thursday night of last week. He will be discharged.

A trotting race will take place on Monday, over the Warwick course, between the horses of Mr. Vincent Reynolds and Michael Smith, for a purse of \$200, mile heats, two best in three.

Mr. Hornung will be at home, on Monday, prepared to furnish all who want them with counterfeit presentments of themselves, in the shape of life-like photographs, ambrotypes, &c.

**FRESH FEEL.**—A load of fresh white perch were brought to our market, a few days since, and sold at the moderate price of 15 cents a dozen. They were from Port Penn, on the Delaware.

Let no farmer or horseman fail to attend the Delaware State Agricultural Exhibition to come off at Wilmington on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of this month.

We learn that Mr. Palmer was to have commenced the Sassafras river bridge, this week, at Fredericktown.

**EXTENSIVE FRAUDS ON THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.**—The following appeared in the Washington news of Wednesday:

About a month ago it was discovered that extensive frauds had been committed by the blank agent of the Post Office Department at Buffalo in furnishing blanks and twine to the various post-offices, supposed to amount to about \$200,000. The manner of committing the frauds was shown to be as follows:—A postmaster made a requisition on the blank agent for a quantity of blanks, twine, &c., the order was partially filled and the full amount charged to the postmaster, the requisition being filed as a voucher, and the agent receiving payment, in auditing his accounts, for the full amount charged. This system has been in operation since 1860, and it is now discovered that the frauds amount to over a half million of dollars. It is understood that the rascality was first discovered at Detroit and particularly investigated through the postmaster there, and several complaints following, the authorities of the Department took the matter in hand and continued it to the present time. The United States Marshal of this district to-day arrested Mr. Towlers, the foreman of the Government Printing Office, a clerk of the Post Office Department named Roding, and a clerk in the Treasury named Tavenor, all charged with being implicated in the frauds. They were taken before Judge Wiley, of the United States Court, on requisition based on the findings of the grand jury of Detroit. They are held for further examination.

The Wilmington election passed off on Tuesday very quietly and orderly. By reference to the figures in another column, it will be seen that the result has been similar to that of several years previously. The Republicans have carried their entire ticket, although they have lost the Seals of Ward and are pressed to the wall in the first precinct of the Third Ward. The average majority for the City ticket—which includes the offices of Mayor, Alderman, City Treasurer, and Assessor,—was 206 last year. The average majority for the same ticket elected on Tuesday, is 294, being an average gain of 88 votes. Last year the Democrats were represented in one Ward only, by a single member. This year they will have a representation in two Wards by two members. The Republicans have thirteen members who represent three Wards entirely and two Wards in part, thus holding power by their tenure of office for at least three years to come.

The loose manner in which blank tax receipts floated about the City on election day was a subject of general remark, and calls for some legislative action that will prevent illegal voting, as well as loss to the City Treasury, in the future, by the indulgence of such apparent carelessness on the part of collectors. A judicious and carefully devised Registry law, would not only greatly relieve the collector of much perplexing duty on election day, but it would facilitate voting, and tend to protect and purify our elections from fraud and trickery.—*Del. Journal and Statesman.*

**THE ALLEGED FRAUDS IN THE PAYMENT OF COLORED BOUNTIES.**—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald of Sunday has the following:

Within the past two or three days the clerks of the congressional committee for the investigation of frauds in the payment of bounties have been actively at work upon the records in the bureau of colored troops. The report of Mr. Cobb on the day Congress adjourned was supposed to be the last of the investigation into the frauds committed in the payment of bounties to colored troops, but the examination has been resumed. Information has been obtained since to lead to the belief that corruption existed in the settlement of these claims. The report of the experts who were engaged in searching for the cases in which fraud had been used, it appears, was not incorporated in Mr. Cobb's report to Congress. These experts reported that sufficient evidence had been discovered to warrant the belief that the payments of these bounties were full of frauds, and fifty-three cases were cited in detail in which the proofs of corruption were indisputable. Other proofs of fraudulent practices have been found sufficiently serious to demand the attention of the committee, and it is understood that the investigation will now be pushed with the utmost vigor.

**MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.**—The State Convention to nominate Presidential Electors met in Baltimore on Wednesday, and nominated the following ticket:

At Large—Eastern Shore, Hon. Richard B. Carmichael, Queen Anne's Western Shore, Hon. J. Thomson Mason, Anne Arundel.

First district—Albert Constable, Cecil.

Second district—Dr. Walter T. Allen, Baltimore county.

Third district—H. Clay Dallam.

Fourth district—Chas. B. Roberts, Carroll.

Fifth district—Geo. Peter, Montgomery county.

## Horrible Murders.

Two brutal murders were committed near Chester river bridge, in Queen Anne's county, on Thursday night, August 27th, the victims being Ramey Gilmoret and his wife, well known in this community as market gardeners, and familiarly called by the name of "Ramey" simply, living on the Queen Anne's farm of the late E. F. Chambers. The murdered pair constituted the entire family, and the particulars can only be gathered from surrounding circumstances. It is not known at what hour of the night the horrible deed was perpetrated, but early Friday morning Mr. Gilmoret was found dead on the lower floor of his dwelling, with his head badly mashed, and a bloody axe lying beside him, and Mrs. G. was found up stairs, also badly bruised and in a dying condition. It seems that Mr. G. was in the habit of sleeping in the corn house, to avoid mosquitoes, where it is supposed he was on the fatal night, and hearing the noise in the dwelling, went to the relief of his wife, when he was attacked and killed. The object of the murders was no doubt to rob the house, as the money drawer was broken open and its contents carried off. It was generally supposed that they had a considerable sum of money on hand, but it is believed by those best acquainted with the family that they had less than a hundred in cash at the time. A negro woman named Mitchell, who had lived in the family, has been arrested, and confessed that her husband committed the murders—that he first attacked Mrs. G., then she went to the corn house and told Mr. G. his wife was ill, and that on entering the house he was killed by her husband.—*Kent News.*

Mitchell, the negro man implicated by the woman, has been arrested and committed to Centreville Jail; but says he had nothing to do with the affair, whatever, and knew nothing of it, and his statement is said to be sustained by his employer. It is now believed, by some, who have investigated the matter, that the woman had no accomplice, but that she committed the bloody deed herself. Mrs. Gilmoret is not dead, but was restored to consciousness, in a day or two after the event, and is likely to recover. She inquired for her husband, and did not know what had happened to herself, nor did they inform her, but gave her evasive answers to her questions.

**Correspondence.**—*Major Biggs's Acceptance.*

DOVER, Aug. 26th, 1898.

HON. BENJAMIN T. BIGGS:

Dear Sir:—As a Committee appointed for that purpose by the Convention of the Democratic party of the State of Delaware, held this day, we have the honor to inform you, that you were, by the said Convention, unanimously chosen as its candidate for Representative in Congress from this State.

Allow us, sir, in conveying this information, to congratulate you and the party upon its harmonious action and auspicious result; and pledge to you the hearty and undivided support of the party in the ensuing canvass.

Be pleased to communicate your acceptance of the nomination at as early a day as may suit your convenience.

We have the honor to be very respectfully, your humble servants,

CHARLES BEASTEN,  
EDWARD RIDGELY,  
E. L. MARTIN,

Near Summit Bridge, Delaware.

August 31st, 1898.

To Charles Beaten, Edward Ridgely, and E. L. Martin, Esqs. Com.

GENTLEMEN:—Your letter bearing date the 26th, has been received informing me that you were a Committee appointed by a Convention of the Democratic party of the State of Delaware, to notify me that said Convention "unanimously" selected me as its candidate for Representative in Congress from Delaware. I embrace the earliest opportunity to reply.

I accept the nomination tendered me, and sincerely thank the Convention for so high an honor, so distinguished a compliment. I have examined the resolutions passed by the Convention, and my judgment approves every principle and sentiment they contain. The great issues involved in the approaching election are of deep and vital interest to every patriot and well-wisher of his country.

Hoping I may have an opportunity to discuss those issues before the people of my native State, I remain

Very Respectfully,  
Your Most Obedt. Servt.  
B. T. BIGGS.

For the Middletown Transcript.

MR. EDITOR:—A card having been recently published, naming the letters of the alphabet, and the number opposite the names of Seymour and Blair counting 177 votes, I send you the subjoined list of States likely to cast their electoral vote for Seymour and Blair, which strangely enough, count precisely 177. Isn't there "something in it," this strange coincidence of letters and figures?

New York.....32 California.....5  
Pennsylvania.....26 Oregon.....3  
Ohio.....21 Connecticut.....3  
Delaware.....3 Indiana.....13  
Georgia.....6 Wisconsin.....3  
Kentucky.....1 Nevada.....3  
Maryland.....7 South Carolina.....5  
Missouri.....11 West Virginia.....5  
New Jersey.....7

WHO IS TO BE THE SALISBURY NOMINEE?—The *Eastern Star* says:—Talbot and Caroline have elected delegates favorable to Colonel Hamilton. Dorchester has gone for Daniel M. Henry. Kent and Somerset elect delegates favorable to L. L. Waters. Worcester has gone for L. L. Dorchester. Queen Anne's is reported to have elected delegates favorable to P. B. Hopper, but really in the interest of Colonel Hamilton. Cecil and Wicomico have not been heard from. It is hard to tell who the fortunate man will be, chances in favor of the nomination of Mr. Waters.

## Items of News.

John Allen "the wickedest man in New York" closed his dance house and brothel on Saturday night last, and opened it on Monday for prayer meetings, and for the conversion of Five Points Magdalen. This man Allen, who has acquired a notoriety of infamy, quits his degraded calling the possessor of a fortune. His career has been among the lowest of the low. His house was the resort of the worst class of illers, thieves and vagabonds, in which the lower wards of New York abounded.

The Dorchester county, Md. Herald, says:—"We hear sad accounts from various parts of the county in regard to the corn crop. These reports lead us to the belief that not half a crop will be made. Truly have our planters much misfortune to contend against. This year the wheat, fruit and corn crops are failures, and to make matters still worse with them many are losing their best horses by the fatal disease now raging among the equine race throughout the county."

The barn, stable, stack yard, together with a large lot of wheat and three valuable horses belonging to Mr. C. H. Sherwood, in Tripp district, Talbot county, were all entirely consumed on Wednesday night. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Mr. Sherwood's loss cannot be less than \$3,000. He had \$500 insurance on his barn in the Montgomery Company.

The New York Sun alleges that five bogus insurance companies in Jersey City have lately "shot up shop," after issuing a million of dollars in policies to parties in various sections of the country. It is stated that one of the companies had issued policies to the amount of \$650,000, and the others to amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$400,000 the total being over a million of dollars.

Dexter, who belongs to Mr. Bonner, of the New York Ledger, is now considered the champion of the trotting turf in America, having trotted a mile in 2.14. Fearnaught, a chestnut stallion, owned in Boston, is thought to be able to match Dexter in speed. In the late race at Buffalo, where he won \$10,000, he is supposed to have made half the course at a rate of 2.12 to 2.18.

Orders have been issued from military headquarters in Richmond, directing that Methodist churches in Virginia, hereafter and until the legal right of ownership shall have been definitely determined, shall be occupied on alternate Sundays by the congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Hon. Francis Granger died in Canada on Friday, at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. Granger was a son of the Hon. Gideon Granger, who was Postmaster General under Jefferson. His father removed early in this century to Canada from Connecticut.

The Galveston News of August 25th, says that the Texas Constitutional Convention, "having worked up the material, and gotten somewhere within sight of the preface to a constitution, has concluded to take recess from next Monday until December."

A ship sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday for Sitka to take on board the late employees of the Russian Fur Company and troops, about 300 in number, for transportation to St. Petersburg. This will close the business of the Russians in Sitka.

There are renewed reports of Indian outrages on the Western border. Four Indians were killed in a contest with the whites on Saturday last; and the Indians have massacred a family of nine persons in Colorado.

It cost Baltimore \$35,005.40 to remove the mud deposited in its streets by the late flood. Four hundred and fifty carts removed 65,000 loads of dirt, and the force employed in the work in all the departments number upwards of a thousand.

Two young ladies, aged 17 and 12, daughters of Hon. Thomas B. Jones, Associate Judge of Ocean county, New Jersey, were killed by lightning in New Egypt, in that county, last Monday. Their brother was also severely injured.

Negro disturbances have taken place at Mill Creek and Hampton, Va. United States troops were necessary to restore order. Several white men were attacked without cause by negro mobs, and barely escaped with their lives.

On the 26th of August there were about one thousand visitors at the Virginia White Sulphur Springs, including many distinguished persons from the different sections of the Union.

Jacob R. Bacon, of Springfield, Illinois, died on Saturday from the effects of a dose of strychnine, administered by his partially crazy wife as a remedy for a slight indisposition.

A man, named James Reilly, has been arrested for killing his wife on Sunday, by drowning her. It is alleged that he threw his victim into the river from Hackensack, N. J. Bridge.

The Senate of Georgia has unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the Governor to disband all armed organizations in the State.

Ex-Governor Thomas H. Seymour, of Connecticut, is quite ill. His disease, first taking the shape of a nervous fever, has now assumed a typhoid character.

Writs have been issued for the arrest of a number of revenue officials in New York city. Ex-Collector Smith is now in custody. Charges not yet made public.

The Rev. Mr. Milburn, known as the blind preacher, has arrived at Paris on his way to Berlin, where he will submit to an operation upon his eyes.

The people of Greece are joyful over the birth of an heir to the Greek throne, such an event not having happened for over four centuries. This child of Queen Olga of Greece has received the names of Constantine Henry Demosthenes.

A fleet of 515 vessels is now on its way from the Black Sea with grain for Western Europe, most of which will be discharged in England. The quantity is estimated at not less than 5,000,000 bushels.

Fourteen thousand people in the Red river country, north of Minnesota, are in danger of starvation, grasshoppers having made almost a clean sweep of their crops.

The inhabitants of Saratoga are said to be extorting enough from strangers in two months to enable them to live without work the remaining ten.

Mr. Burlingame and the Chinese have left Boston for New York intending to embark on the 9th for Europe.

The Cretan insurrection is said to be flourishing, and the Turks nearly worn out and discouraged.

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.**—We clip the following items from the Centreville, Md. Observer:

**FIRE AT A CAMP MEETING.**—The novel scene of a fire at a Camp Meeting was witnessed at Black's Woods on Monday night of last week, when the large plank (boarding) tent of Mr. Wm. Wilson was entirely destroyed, amidst consternation and confusion rarely excelled in these parts. The fire was caused by a burning candle falling on the straw.

**SEVERE ACCIDENT.**—Mr. Benona Colgan, residing near Ruthsburg, while engaged in threshing wheat on Friday morning was caught in the belting and severely injured, having his left arm broken, and his body lacerated in a horrible manner. His friends are apprehensive for his recovery.

**HORRIBLE OUTRAGES BY NEGROES.**—On the 18th of last month nine negroes broke into Mrs. Marks' house, near Swann's Mill, North Carolina, violated her and her little daughter, and as the latter screamed they tore her tongue from her mouth, and finally beat out her brains against the jamb of the fire-place. They then killed Mrs. Marks' little boy, and then set fire to the house. A servant, who had escaped from the house gave the alarm to the neighbors, who extinguished the flames and released Mrs. Marks, who was insensible, and tied by the hands and feet to the bed. The bodies of the girl and boy were buried in measures were taken to arrest the negroes, who were supposed to be secreted in the woods.

**SPOONS!**—It seems the great spoon-fancier is not forgotten, but (as Artemus Ward would say) "on the contrary far otherwise." An exchange says:—"From all sections of the country—from Maine to Alaska—from the North, the South, the East, and the West—worthless old spoons have been sent to the West by express and by mail. Spoons of wood, bone, horn, pewter, tin, iron, and brass, pour on him at all hours. The plague of spoons is becoming more unendurable to Butler than a plague of frogs. Baskets of spoons are brought to him from the postoffice, and the express carts are constantly delivering them at his door. The suggestion is made that these offerings be kept up."

**SALES OF KENT, MD. LAND.**—Geo. B. Wescott and R. Hyndon, Esqs. as trustees, sold at Chestertown, on Wednesday, the "Davis farm," containing 1443 acres, to Thomas Vandyke, of Cecil, at \$100 per acre.

R. Hyndon Esq. as attorney, Geo. W. Rollinson's farm, containing 47 acres, to Wm. T. Burgess, at \$68 per acre; and as trustee, the hotel property at Chestertown, to James Carey, for \$2,205.

Mrs. Catharine A. Price has sold at private sale her farm in Still Pond, containing 200 acres, at \$125 per acre.—Purchaser not reported.—*Kent News.*

**A WAR OF RACES IMMINENT.**—The *New York World*, of Wednesday, says:—"We are profoundly impressed with the conviction that a war of races, initiated by the radicals for political effect, is imminent in the South." The reasons of this belief are given at some length in the columns of that journal, which represents that military organizations have been formed among the blacks, and



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The work on the Suez Canal is prosecuted  
with such vigor that the directors af-  
firm that it will be finished in 1869. Ten  
thousand men are employed upon the canal,  
which will be twenty-six feet deep all  
the way, two hundred and forty feet wide  
at the top, and about ninety feet wide at  
the bottom.

A son of Caleb A. Morse, of West-  
minster, New Hampshire, six years old,  
while in a fit of somnambulism, a few  
nights since, fell down stairs, and jumped  
into a well twenty feet deep, in which  
the water was four feet deep. He was re-  
scued by his father, and in the morning  
knew nothing of the affair.

Of the Cabinet Secretaries Randall,  
Browning, McCullough, and Welles are  
in favor of Seymour, while Seward and  
Schofield are against Grant and Colfax.

Quilp thinks the November election will  
be considered a day-Grant proceeding.

**DIED.**  
At "Green Meadows," Appoquinimink Hun-  
dred, August 21st, George G. Thomas, youngest  
son of the late Edward Thomas, aged 11 years.  
On Monday night last, at Bedford Springs, Pa.  
Mr. Jacob B. Milfin, of St. Georges Hundred,  
New Castle county, in the 46th year of his age.

## THE MARKETS.

### MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wheat, prime red       | .....\$2 25             |
| Corn, yellow           | .....1 20               |
| " white                | .....1 15               |
| Oats                   | .....50                 |
| Timothy Seed           | .....4 00               |
| Clover Seed            | .....9 00               |
| Eggs                   | .....20 cts 9 dozen     |
| Butter                 | .....30c 40 cts 10 lbs  |
| Chickens (Live Spring) | .....18c 20 "           |
| Lard                   | .....16c 20 "           |
| Hogs                   | .....16c 15 "           |
| Beef                   | .....20c 25 "           |
| Hams                   | .....23c 27 "           |
| Sides                  | .....16c 20 "           |
| Shoulders              | .....16c 18 "           |
| Potatoes               | .....10c 15 cts 25 bush |
| PRIME RED WHEAT        | .....\$2 20 @ 2 35      |
| Corn, new yellow       | .....1 25               |
| Oats                   | .....70 @ 128           |

### WILMINGTON.

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Wheat red | .....\$2 25          |
| Corn      | .....1 25            |
| Oats      | .....50              |
| Flour     | .....\$11 00 @ 14 00 |

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## FARM FOR SALE.

BY Virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court  
for Kent County, sitting in equity, the under-  
signed, as Trustee for Agnatus A. Malsburg  
will, on  
Tuesday, the 22d day of September, 1868,  
at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the Old Brick Hotel in  
Millington, Kent County, Md. offer at Public Sale,  
the Farm called

### Garden Point,

situated in Kent County, Md. on Chester River,  
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from Chestertown to Millington.  
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about Twenty Acres of which are in  
WOOD.

It is divided into Five Fields, and has all been  
thoroughly limed within the past few years.  
The improvements consist of a good one-story DWEL-  
LING with the usual Out Buildings. The water  
is good, and the farm is convenient to Churches,  
Schools and Mill.

### THERE IS A YOUNG PEACH ORCHARD

OF 500 TO 600 TREES IN BEARING.  
This Farm was formerly the Homestead of  
Thomas Woodall, deceased, who left the lands of  
John F. Newman and Jesse Woodall, deceased,  
and is now occupied by Thomas A. Meredith as  
tenant.

### TERMS.

One-third of the purchase money cash; the balance  
in one and two years, with interest from the  
1st of January, 1869; to be secured by the bond  
of the purchaser, with approved security.  
Possession given the first of January, 1869, and  
the privilege of seeding with this Fall.

RICHARD C. JOHNSON, Trustee.

### DELAWARE STATE.

### Agricultural Exhibition and Fair.

WILL BE HELD AT WILMINGTON, DEL.  
Under the direction and on the grounds of the  
Agricultural Society of New Castle County, on  
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, Sep-  
tember, 17th, 18th, and 19th.  
900 premiums are offered, amounting to \$3,000.  
For regulations and catalogue of premiums, ad-  
dress the Secretary.

### ZADOC TOWNSEND, President.

Dr. R. McCABE, Sec'y, Wilmington, Del.  
Sept. 5-21.

## WOODSIDE

### Small Fruit Nursery.

STRAWBERRIES,  
RASPBERRIES,  
BLACKBERRIES,  
CURRANTS AND  
OSAGE ORANGE PLANTS.

### ALSO

EARLY ROSE, AND  
HARRISON POTATOES.

Circulars containing prices can be had by ap-  
plying to HENRY CLAYTON,  
Sept. 5-3m.

## Six Cents Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, on or about  
the middle of August last, an indentured ap-  
prentice, named John Seward. This is to for-  
warn all persons from harboring him, or trusting  
him on my account.  
JOS. TITUS,  
Sept. 5-31\* Near Mount Pleasant.

## NOTICE.

HAVING disposed of my Drug Store to Dr.  
Geo. G. Chamberlaine, all persons having  
claims against me, will call upon him for pay-  
ment; and those indebted to me will please make  
immediate payment to him.  
H. RICHMOND CHAMBERLAINE,  
Sept. 5-21\*

## GREAT INDUCEMENTS

TO  
CASH BUYERS.  
On and after this date we will sell the balance of our  
SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS ON HAND,  
AT COST FOR CASH.

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS.

## Dissolution of Copartnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing and  
trading in the name of the firm of WALKER  
& GARY, in the mercantile business, has this  
day dissolved by mutual consent of the parties.  
All persons indebted to said Firm are requested to  
make immediate settlement of their Bonds,  
Notes, and Book Accounts to either of the sub-  
scribers, as the affairs of the Firm will be closed  
up on an early day.  
D. W. C. WALKER,  
Middletown, Aug. 23d, 1868.

## NOTICE.

The undersigned, thankful for  
past favors, solicits the patronage of his old cus-  
tomers, as he will keep on hand Dry Goods, Gro-  
ceries, &c. in front of the Post Office, and at pri-  
ces satisfactory to his old friends and the public in  
general.  
Country Produce taken in exchange at the  
Highest Market Rates.  
J. W. GARY, Sr.,  
Aug. 29-5t

## \$25 REWARD!

STOLEN from the premises of the subscriber,  
near the Children's Home, on Wednesday  
night, the 20th inst., a Brown Mare with a white  
spot in the forehead, also one of the crupper  
band, and about nine years old. The above re-  
ward will be given for the recovery of the mare  
and the apprehension of the thief. Post Office  
Address: Townsend, Delaware.  
Aug. 29-11\*

## FOR SALE

BY A PARTY GOING WEST, Stock and Fix-  
tures of a first-class Millinery and Trimming  
Store including a Sewing Machine and Household  
Furniture. Immediate possession given. Apply  
to Mrs. S. M. HATCH, Middletown, Delaware, or  
55 South Third Street, Philadelphia, from 3 to 4  
P. M.

## FOR SALE.

SOUTHDOWN EWES, DUCKS, and BUCK  
LAMBS.  
CHESTERWHITE PIGS, from Premium  
Stock.  
Also HONG KONG, or BROWN CHINA  
GEESSE. Apply to  
Aug. 29-1mo,\* Lewisville,  
Cluster Co. Pa.

## Stock of Millinery Goods For Sale.

THE undersigned purposing to retire from bu-  
siness will sell at private sale her entire  
stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods. This is a  
rare opportunity for any person wishing to enter  
a good business. Apply to  
LYDIA V. CANNON,  
Aug. 29-11\* Middletown, Del.

## TRUSTEE'S SALE

### A Beautiful

### SALT WATER SITUATION

In Talbot County, Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for  
Talbot County, sitting in Equity, the under-  
signed, as Trustee, with sell at public sale, in the  
front door of the Court House, in the town of  
Easton, on,  
Tuesday, September 29th, 1868,

between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, P. M. a  
part of that farm or plantation commonly known as the

### "GLEBE,"

formerly the residence of Charles H. Martin,  
Esq. containing the quantity of

130 ACRES,  
more or less.

This farm is beautifully located on the waters  
of "Globe" creek, a branch of Miles River, where  
all the luxuries of the salt water, oysters, fish,  
crabs, terrapins, and wild fowl can be obtained  
in abundance. It is within one mile of the  
steamboat landing at Miles River Bridge, and  
about two miles from the town of Easton.

The improvements are a one-story  
Frame Dwelling,  
and sufficient OUT-BUILDINGS for the use of  
the farm. There is also a fine

### Orchard of 1500 Young Peach Trees,

together with other fruit trees in abundance.

### TERMS OF SALE.

The terms prescribed by the decree are:—One-  
fourth of the purchase money cash on the day of  
sale; the balance in one, two and three years;  
the deferred payments to be secured by bond  
with approved security, bearing interest from day  
of sale. PHILEMON T. KENYARD,  
Wm. K. Rathell, Auctioneer. Trustee.  
August 22-1s.

## BOOT & SHOE MAKING.

JAMES H. COLLINS, respectfully informs the  
public that he has taken the Shop at the cor-  
ner of Broad and Lake streets, nearly opposite  
the Academy in Middletown, and is prepared  
to manufacture Boots and Shoes to order. Spe-  
cial attention given to repairing, and all work  
finished with neatness and dispatch. He re-  
spectfully solicits a share of the public patronage.

## SEWING MACHINES.

## WILCOX & GIBBS'

### TWISTED LOOP-STITCH

### FAMILY SEWING MACHINES.

### THE BEST FAMILY SEWING MACHINES

### IN THE WORLD.



### OBVIOUS REASONS WHY THE

### WILCOX & GIBBS

### Family Sewing Machines

### ARE BECOMING SO POPULAR:

FIRST, Because they make the "Twisted  
Loop-Stitch," which is the most beautiful, elas-  
tic, and durable stitch known.

SECOND, Because they are adapted to the  
Greatest Range of Work, and will sew either Cot-  
ton, Silk, or Linen Thread successfully.

THIRD, Because they are Perfectly Simple in  
their Construction; and will Hem, Felt, Stitch,  
Bind, Cord, Tuck, Gather, and Embroider, in  
the most perfect manner.

### FOURTH, Because they use but One Spool,

and are found Convenient when all others Fail.

### Read the following Statements of Facts and

### Recommendations of Individuals and of the

### Press in regard to the

### WILCOX & GIBBS

### Family Sewing Machines.

From the Superintendent of the Penn-  
sylvania Central Railroad.

ALTOONA, Pa. Sept. 14, 1868.

One of your Sewing Machines has been used in  
my family for several years. For simplicity and  
mechanical accuracy of construction, I have seen  
no Sewing Machine equal to it. The speed and ac-  
curacy with which it does its work are admir-  
able. It has given and continues to give me  
satisfaction.  
E. NOCH LEWIS.

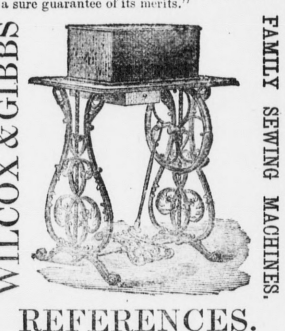
DOVER, Sept. 12th, 1868.

Messrs. Wilcox & Gibbs.—Gentlemen.—Having  
had eighteen months' experience with your  
Family Sewing Machine, I take pleasure in say-  
ing that it has given perfect satisfaction. It has  
been the means of saving several in this locality.  
D. F. BURTON.

### SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, Jan. 29th 1869.—

"The simplicity of its mechanism, the  
prevent its dropping stitches, to which many other  
machines are liable, and which has hitherto  
brought the 'chain stitch' into disrepute. One  
cannot but admire the beauty and accuracy of its  
movements, and the entire absence of all noise,  
even when running at the rate of 2000 stitches  
and upward per minute. This alone must prove  
a great recommendation to it. Another merit is  
the good workmanship. The parts are made in-  
terchangeable, so that in the event of accident to  
the machine, any part can be replaced, at a trifling  
cost. It is, indeed, a 'mechanical wonder'  
—a household necessity!"

PHILADELPHIA PRESS, 1860.—"The un-  
paralleled success which has attended the  
introduction of the Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine  
is a sure guarantee of its merits."



### REFERENCES.

The following are names of persons in this  
neighborhood, whom we give as references, who  
have used the Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machines  
for use for some time:  
Misses Blackiston. Mrs. Benj. Armstrong.  
Mrs. William Green. Mrs. T. S. Bowers.  
Mrs. J. B. Clarkson. Mrs. H. Vanderford.  
Mrs. R. A. Cochran, Jr. Mrs. S. M. Reynolds.

## CASH PRICES.

|  |      |
|--|------|
| No. 1. Ornamental Iron Stand, Walnut<br>Top, (oiled), with Hammer and Fel-<br>ler.                                   | \$55 |
| No. 2. On Ornamental Iron Stand, Walnut<br>Top, with Drawer and Lock.  | 56   |
| No. 3. On Ornamental Iron Stand, with<br>Polished Mahogany or Walnut Top<br>and Drawer, with Hammer and Fel-<br>ler. | 58   |
| No. 4. Walnut Half Case, (oiled), with<br>Hammer and Feller.   | 65   |
| No. 5. Extra Half Case, "with Work<br>Box, Hammer and Feller.  | 68   |
| No. 6. Walnut Half Case, (oiled), with<br>Fancy Work Box, Hammer and<br>Feller.                                      | 70   |
| No. 7. Mahogany Half Case, (Polished),<br>with Hammer and Feller.  | 76   |
| No. 8. Full Cabinet Case, Mahogany or<br>Walnut with Hammer and Feller.  | 100  |

Those wishing a first class Sewing Machine,  
would do well to call and examine the

### Wilcox & Gibbs

### TWISTED LOOP-STITCH

### FAMILY SEWING MACHINES.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND AND FOR SALE BY

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,  
Middletown, Del.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

INTERESTED parties having circulated reports  
in New Castle and adjoining counties, depre-  
ciating the character of Rhodes' Super Phosphate  
as a Fertilizer (in consequence of the recent re-  
duction in price of same,) we beg leave to lay before  
our patrons and the public generally, the follow-  
ing letter from Messrs. Yarnall & Trimble, Gen-  
eral Agents for this Standard Manure, in Philadel-  
phia:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 11, 1868,  
Mr. E. T. Evans, Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir.—Your favor of date is just  
to hand. We note, with surprise, that there pre-  
vails with you a rumor that Messrs. Potts & Klett  
have sold out to other parties. This is a falsehood  
made out of the "whole cloth." Messrs. Potts &  
Klett have not sold out; neither do they intend  
to do so. On the contrary, they have so in-  
creased their facilities for making the Rhodes Super  
Phosphate, that they are enabled to make it at less  
cost than any other manufacturers, and in conse-  
quence, have been able to reduce the price and  
still furnish an article fully equal to their former  
High Standard, and at the same time, in a condi-  
tion for drilling superior to any article of the kind  
in the market.

We cannot conceive how the report has been  
circulated in your neighborhood, or who the au-  
thors of it are. We suppose, however, it was  
originated by some interested party, who, perhaps,  
is not able to produce so good an article, even at  
a higher price. Please contradict the report fully,  
and at all times, and oblige

Yours, truly,  
YARNALL & TRIMBLE,  
General Agents for Rhodes' Manure.

### RHODES' SUPER PHOSPHATE. In Bags or

Barrels, delivered at any point on the Del. R. R.,  
Chesapeake or Delaware waters, at \$50 per Ton.  
E. T. EVANS,  
Aug. 15-3t Sole Agent, Middletown, Del.

## FARM FOR SALE.

THIS undersigned will offer at public sale at  
the Voshell House in Chestertown  
Thursday, the 10th day of September, '68,  
at 11 o'clock, A. M. the farm on which he now  
resides known as the

### "TURNER FARM,"

situate in Kent County, Md. about five miles from  
Chestertown, adjoining the lands of Mrs. D. Turner,  
Messrs. Pennimore & Chatham and others.

### Containing 301 1/2 Acres.

This farm is level, free from gullies or ditches,  
and is not an inch of waste land on it. The  
soil is equal to any in the county, and very sus-  
ceptible of improvement. There have been four  
fields heavily dressed with Bone Phosphate with  
1,500 loads of ashes in the last three years.  
There are Post, Chestnut and Pine timber  
enough to make 200,000 feet of fence, which will  
put the fencing in good order. A well of good  
water in the yard.

This farm is in a fine, fertile neighborhood,  
convenient to churches, school and mills, half-  
mile from navigation, and only one-quarter of  
a mile from a depot on the Kent County R. R.  
The farm is well watered, and is not an inch of  
any farm in the State for the production of  
wheat, corn, fruit and grass, and will divide  
nicely into two farms.

## THE DWELLING

is of Brick, two stories, in good order. Out-  
buildings ordinary.  
Terms.—One-fourth cash; the balance in one,  
two, three and four years.  
Aug. 1-4t C. C. SMITH.

## Builders, Take Notice!

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND FEET OF WHITE  
PINE AND HEMLOCK TIMBER, FOR SALE,  
consisting of 1st, 2d, and 3d COMMON SIZED  
BOARDS. Also, three grades of

### WHITE PINE FLOORING.

A large lot of  
1 1/2 and 2-Inch Pine Plank.  
HEMLOCK JOICE AND STUDDING,  
HEMLOCK BILL STUFF,  
AND SHEATHING.

### HEMLOCK FENCING, (4 INCH.)

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND NO. 1  
WHITE PINE SHINGLES.

For Sale by  
Aug. 15-3m. WILLIAM LINDSEY,  
Chesapeake City, Md.

## FOR SALE.

### 75,000 Healthy Peach Trees

EMBRACING all the choice market and fam-  
ily varieties.  
Blosser's Early,  
Trotter's Early,  
Early York,  
Crawford's Early,  
Doore's Favorite,  
Mary's Choice,  
Mason Free,  
Reeves' Favorite,  
Will be ready for planting in the fall of 1868,  
or Spring of 1869.  
Apply to  
E. R. COCHRAN, or  
CHARLES ADAMS,  
August 8-6m. Middletown, Del.

## NEWARK ACADEMY

NEWARK, DELAWARE,  
PROF. EDWARD D. PORTER, A. M.

### PRINCIPAL.

A first-class Boarding School for

### BOYS AND YOUNG MEN.

[Founded in 1749.]

Full session begins September 2d. For full in-  
formation send for circular. Aug. 15-3m

### COAL! COAL!! COAL!!!

ONE HUNDRED TONS of the celebrated "SU-  
GAR NOTCH" LEHIGH COAL, now an-  
nouncing at New Castle, and will be ready for de-  
livery on Monday next, the 17th instant. The  
continued success in the mining regions have al-  
ready advanced the price of Coal, and give  
promise of High Rates the coming season. Now  
is the time, therefore, for customers to lay in a  
supply.  
E. T. EVANS,  
August 15-4t Middletown, Del.

## A RARE CHANCE.

THE undersigned, being unable to obtain a  
Dwelling House in this place, for himself  
and family, offers his entire Stock of Goods, at  
private sale. The business has been and now  
is improving.  
A. W. SPARKS,  
August 15-4t Warwick, Md.

## PERSIAN HEALING

### OR

### PINE TAR SOAP.

FOR the Toilet this Soap has no equal. It  
preserves the complexion fair, the skin  
soft, flexible and healthy. It removes all Dan-  
drufl, preserves the hair soft and silky, and pre-  
vents it from falling out or prematurely turning  
grey. It will positively cure Pimples, Boils,  
Furuncles, Chapped Hands, Salt Rheum,  
Frosted Feet, Burns, Fresh Outlets or Wounds of  
all kinds, all Diseases of the Scalp and Skin.  
It is no humbug. Price only 25 cents per  
cake. Ask your Druggist and Grocer for it.  
G. B. THOMPSON, Oil Merchant, Southwest  
corner Second and Market Streets, Wilmington,  
Sole Agent for Delaware.

## MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND  
MACHINE SHOP.

Plows and Plow Castings, Machine Castings  
of all kinds on hand or made to order.  
Particular attention given to Repairing Machin-  
ery. Cash for old iron.

WM. L. BUCKE & SON,  
Founders and Machinists,  
April 4-4t

## E. R. COCHRAN,

### DEALER IN

### GRAIN, LIME,

### FERTILIZERS, &c.

### Middletown, Delaware.

Will pay the highest cash prices for all  
kinds of grain, and will sell Lime as low as  
the lowest. Will sell No. 1

### PERUVIAN GUANO,

\$90 per Ton.

### ELLIS' Fertilizer,

\$56 per Ton.

### RHODES' PHOSPHATE,

\$50 per Ton.

### BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE,

\$56 per Ton.

### BAUGH'S



